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FOR SEVENTY-THREE YEARS A CITIZEN

MR. HARRISON JOHNSTON CAME TO COLUMBUS IN A STAGE COACH ON THE 25TH OF OCTOBER, 1835.

He Has Been a Citizen Ever Since That Time, and the City Has Practically Grown Up Under His Eyes.

Mr. Harrison Johnston on last Sunday completed his seventy-third year as a citizen of Columbus, having reached here October 25th, 1835, and having made this place his home since that time. There were few railroads in those days, and Mr. Johnston came to Columbus in a stage coach. He came here from New York, having traveled to Savannah by sea, thence to Montgomery by river and stage, and after having stopped a few days in Montgomery came on to Columbus by stage.

Although Mr. Johnston came here from New York, he is not a Northern man, having been born in the good old State of Virginia. He was reared in Winchester, but left that place in 1834 and emigrated to Georgia. Here he joined the militia and went to Florida to fight Indians, having served throughout the Seminole war as a member of the Georgia volunteers. After having engaged in many exciting conflicts with the Redskins he was honorably discharged in 1835 and with his discharge received a land grant entitling him to forty acres of land. Mr. Johnston still holds this grant, having never taken up the land to which it entitles him, and under its provisions he can at any time claim and secure forty acres of any public land which the government may own.

Three score and ten years bring many changes, and the modern Columbus, with its trolley cars and skyscrapers, is vastly different from the Columbus which Mr. Johnston found when he arrived here in the middle thirties. The town then was little more than a trading post, and the business center was near the river, the principal stores having been located on Main street between Third and Fourth streets. There was a frame hotel where the Hotel Gilmer now stands and a number of stores on the opposite side of the street, in the block where the fire-proof warehouse is now located. At one time there was a theater located in this block, the theater having occupied the upper story of a building owned by Moseley & Murdock. This playhouse, however, was not opened until Mr. Johnston had been here for several years.

Soon after Mr. Johnston located here a miniature forerunner of the temperance wave that is now sweeping the South struck the State, and for a brief period of time Columbus was a dry town, the saloons having soon opened again and many remained open until 1893, when they were permanently closed. During the period referred to, there was a blind tiger near the store of Moseley & Murdock on Main street which was conducted on the same plan now pursued in many prohibition towns. There was a little window in the wall of the building operated as a blind tiger, and set in this window was a revolving shelf. The thirsty individual placed his coin upon this shelf, the dispenser of booze gave it a turn, and there before the occasional imbibor was a glass of whiskey, while the proprietor had the cash. Seller and purchaser never saw each other, so it was difficult for the grand jury to obtain from witnesses the name of the concealed bar keeper who sold them their booze.

Soon after Mr. Johnston came here he decided to go in business, and erected the store house on Main street now occupied by Messrs. Weaver & Harrington as a drug store. It was the first building that he had ever constructed in Columbus, although since that time he has had erected, either on his own account or in connection with others, some of the most substantial commercial structures in the city. It was largely through his efforts that the Tombigbee cotton mill came into existence, and for a number of years he personally managed the plant. As every one here knows, he has accumulated a large fortune, and has at one time or another been connected with some of the most prominent business enterprises in the city.

Mr. Johnston suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion early last

spring, and for several months his health was very bad, but in June he went to Atlantic City, and the trip proved very beneficial, having almost completely restored his health. From Atlantic City he went to Lynchburg, Va., to visit his granddaughter, Mrs. Archibald White, and after spending a few weeks there returned to Columbus. He is living quietly at his home on South Third avenue, where he enjoys every comfort of home life. He is strong enough to take a walk every pretty day, and seems to be gaining in strength. It is the sincere wish of every Columbian that his improvement will continue and that he will remain an honored citizen of the city for many years.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the chancery clerk during the past thirty days:

J. N. Roberts to the Artesia State Bank: Lot in town of Artesia; consideration, \$250.

D. D. Griffin and wife to E. L. Griffin: Lot on North Third avenue, city of Columbus; consideration, \$1,700.00.

F. B. Webb to W. G. Webb: Lot in square No. 24, south of Main street, city of Columbus; consideration, \$1,500.

Mrs. L. P. Whitfield et al. to J. H. Burns: Parcel of land in section 9, township 18, range 18, west; consideration, \$1,500.

A. W. Hampton to C. F. Sherrod: Parcel of land in sections 10 and 15, township 18, range 18, west; consideration, \$2,000.

C. F. Sherrod to A. W. Hampton: Certain lots in square No. 10, Robertson's addition, city of Columbus; consideration, \$1,700.

C. F. Sherrod to A. W. Hampton: Lot on South Fifth avenue, city of Columbus; consideration, \$450.

Mrs. Lou Kidd to P. E. Easley: Twenty acres of land in section 34, township 16, range 17, west; consideration, \$150.

J. W. Vaughn to Lowndes county: Strip of land in section 3, township 17, range 18, west, to be used as a public road; consideration, \$25.

Mrs. Donie L. Halbert to Mrs. L. Loeb: Lot in square No. 49, north of Main street, city of Columbus; consideration, \$525.

L. Marx and G. T. Heard to J. N. Blasengame et al.: Parcel of land in section 28, township 18, range 18, west, known as the Poleman place; consideration, \$3,750.

J. T. Wilbanks to S. E. Wilbanks: Lot in square No. 74, north of Main street, city of Columbus; consideration, \$650.

J. R. West and wife to W. F. Wood: Parcel of land in section 35, township 15, range 17, west; consideration, \$1,600.

R. W. Christopher and wife to P. F. and C. J. Christopher: Parcel of land in section 28, township 18, range 17, west; consideration, \$600.

G. D. McKellar et al. to Lowndes county: One acre of land in section 34 township 18, range 17, west; consideration, \$274.50.

C. F. Sherrod, Jr., to Lida W. Sykes: Lot in square No. 75, north of Main street, city of Columbus; consideration, \$1,000.

J. M. Swanzy to J. C. Ternipson, Jr.: Two lots in square No. 4, Robertson's addition, city of Columbus; consideration, \$1,300.

J. W. Hunter and wife to G. W. Brown: Sixty acres of land in section 2, township 16, range 17, west; consideration, \$1,400.

R. G. Graves and wife to G. W. Brown: Eighty acres of land in section 10, township 16, range 17, west; consideration, \$2,200.

W. T. Lawrence to V. B. Wheeler: Parcel of land in section 35, township 17, range 18, west; consideration, \$1,600.

W. T. Lawrence to J. H. Redus: Parcel of land in section 35, township 17, range 18, west; consideration, \$2,500.

Mrs. Clara B. Ottley to Mrs. M. B. Portwood: Parcel of land in section 10, township 19, range 17, west; consideration, \$425.

Mr. Thomas Hopkins, one of the leading citizens of Brooksville, died at his home in that town last Thursday. Mr. Hopkins was prominent in religious as well as business circles, and his death will be keenly felt by the citizens of the community in which he resided. Rev. L. M. Lipscomb, presiding elder of the Columbus district, and Rev. S. L. Pope, pastor of the Second Methodist church, went to Brooksville to participate in the funeral, which occurred Friday.

TWO STEAMBOATS IN LOCAL TRADE

M. J. E. STEWART AND CAPT. S. A. COSPER ARE BOTH TO HAVE BOATS ON TOM-BIGBEE THIS FALL.

City Council Will Build Bridge and Open Up Street to Landing, Thus Facilitating Handling of River Freight.

There will be two steamboats in the local trade during the coming season. Mr. J. E. Stewart will have the New Haven and Mr. S. A. Cosper will also have a boat, both steamers running between Columbus and Vienna, with occasional trips to Demopolis, Ala.

The city council has ordered a cement bridge to be built over the ditch running along South Fourth street near the point where the tracks of the Mobile & Ohio railroad cross that thoroughfare, and this will open up a new thoroughfare to the steamboat landing. Instead of being compelled to go around by the plant of the Refuge Cotton Oil Company and thence down a steep hill to the wharf, wagons can go down South Fourth street and by crossing the new bridge secure comparatively level driveway to the wharf. This will make it much easier on the teams and will greatly facilitate the handling of cotton and other river freight.

Both Mr. Stewart and Capt. Cosper are ready to start their boats as soon as there is sufficient water in the river, and with two steamers plying the Tombigbee river local merchants should be able to do a profitable business with the people living along the stream between this city and Vienna. Both Mr. Stewart and Capt. Cosper are exceedingly popular with these people, and will be enabled to control a vast amount of trade. Merchants engaged in various lines of business realize the value of the river trade, and are putting forth every legitimate effort to secure it. These business men were instrumental in inducing the city council to open up the new street leading to the steamboat landing, and it is not unlikely that a wharf may be built in the near future.

The Presbyterian Revival.

Dr. H. A. Jones, synodical evangelist for the Presbyterian church in this State, will begin a revival at the First Presbyterian church today. Dr. Jones will preach at 11 o'clock this morning and 7:30 o'clock this evening, and during the week will hold services daily at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. While Dr. Jones comes here at the invitation of the First Presbyterian church, Mr. Hill, the pastor, wishes it distinctly understood that the meeting is in no sense of the word denominational. Not only are the people generally extended a cordial invitation to attend each and every service, but the members of the various city churches are requested to lend co-operation and aid in an effort to make the revival a success.

Smith-Watson.

Mr. H. D. Watson, Jr., and Miss Ethel Smith were married at the Methodist parsonage in Macon last Tuesday. The wedding was quite a surprise to the friends of the young people, as they had informed no one that they contemplated matrimony. Both the contracting parties are well known in Columbus, Mr. Watson being the son of Mr. H. D. Watson, Sr., a wealthy citizen, while his bride is a niece of Mrs. E. B. Stinson, whom she has frequently visited. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are now guests at the Hotel Gilmer in this city, and after spending a few days here will go to Strong's Station, which place will be their future home.

Mr. C. J. Harper, formerly a citizen of Columbus, has many friends here who will learn with regret that he lost his home in Jackson, Miss., a few days ago by fire, with no insurance.

Williams' Kidney Pills.

Have you neglected your kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in loins, side, back, groins and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? Too frequent a desire to pass urine? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you. At druggists. Price 50 cents. Sold by John R. Laws.

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TID BURTON TELLS OF NIGHT RIDERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING REELFOOT LAKE TRAGEDY IS GLEANED FROM TID BURTON.

Burton, Who Gave Testimony Which Led to Tragedy, Says Tom and Garrett Johnson Are the Leaders of the Band.

The past week has witnessed important developments in the night rider district contiguous to Reelfoot lake, and a number of men who it is alleged participated in the outrage which resulted in the death of Col. Quenton Rankin and forced Col. R. Z. Taylor to spend thirty-six hours in the woods without food, are under arrest.

One of the most important captures so far effected is that of Tid Burton, a fisherman living near Reelfoot lake, who was arrested on last Tuesday. According to a special sent out from Tiptonville, Burton, while he denies having been present when Capt. Rankin was hanged, admits that he gave to the night riders the information that led them to commit the atrocious crime. He states that he saw the two men while they were eating supper in the hotel at Walnutog and reported their presence to the leaders of the night riders. He declares that soon after leaving the hotel he got in his boat and rowed about a mile out into the lake, where he spent the remainder of the night fishing. He claims that he was on the lake when Capt. Rankin was killed and heard the shots which the night riders fired, but did not return to the shore to investigate.

In Burton's confession he declares that Tom and Garrett Johnson are the leaders of the night riders. Both these men are under arrest at the military camp near Samburg, and are being carefully guarded. Will Watson, another one of the men named by Burton as a leader, was taken into custody soon after the confession was made, having been captured on Tuesday afternoon by a detachment from the Nashville troops under command of Capt. Bellamy. He was met in the public road, and offered no resistance when the soldiers told him he was wanted at Camp Nemo.

Col. R. Z. Taylor, of Trenton, who was with Capt. Rankin when he was killed and who succeeded in making his escape by jumping into the lake, visited his law office last week for the first time since the tragedy, and was besieged by a crowd of friends who were eager to learn the details of the crime from an eye witness. Col. Taylor said that when Capt. Rankin was strung up to the tree he cried out: "Men, you are choking me." The night riders then replied: "That's what we intend to do," and instantly a volley of shots rang out. Col. Taylor took advantage of the excitement which momentarily attracted the undivided attention of the night riders and jumped into the slough near which the party stood. His action brought out another volley of shots, aimed at himself, but he escaped unhurt, and hid behind a log on the opposite bank of the slough until the night riders disappeared.

From witnesses who have testified before the military officers at Camp Nemo it seems that the Reelfoot lake night riders association had a total membership of about one hundred. The association seems to have been divided into two squads, the north band and the south band, and the only occasion upon which the two bands are proven to have ridden together was one night last July, when a raid was made on Hornbeak, a little town about six miles north of the lake. There is a brass band in the village, and the night riders awoke the members from their slumbers late at night and forced them to go to the public square and play. All of the night riders were heavily armed, but while a number of volleys were fired into the air there was no bloodshed, the members of the band having been permitted to return to their homes after they had played several tunes.

Thirty-six men who were being held as prisoners at Camp Nemo were liberated last Thursday, having been given their release by order of Gov. Patterson. These men were being held as witnesses, and upon being set free were told by the governor that they would be expected to hold themselves in readiness to testify at any time the military or civic authorities should deem it proper to call on them.

The Second Count.

The second count in this paper's subscription contest closed yesterday at noon. It ended with three new candidates enrolled in the work of getting subscriptions, and one of these, Miss Ellie May Jordan, takes the lead this morning with six hundred votes to her credit, winning the special premium order offered in this count; Miss Evie Reynolds, who was the winner of the last special premium, being second and winning the second premium order.

The next count of the ballots will occur on November 14th, which is two weeks from yesterday, at noon. To the candidate who leads in this contest there will be a special premium of a handsome lemonade set of seven pieces, consisting of a handsome pitcher and six cups. The set is of attractive design and the decoration is in Holland style, making a pretty and attractive set for the dining room. The candidate leading in the next count will get this special premium.

The following is the full count to noon yesterday:

Miss Ellie May Jordan, Col.	600
Miss Evie Reynolds, Columbus	542
Mrs. G. W. Carson, Columbus	444
Mrs. T. J. Smith, Caledonia	340
Miss Pearl Morris, Caledonia	279
Mrs. Ola Nickles, Steens	270
Mrs. M. R. Huff, Caledonia	230
Miss Lottie Groves, Caledonia	208
Miss Willie May Sharp, Cale.	162
Miss Fleeta West, Caledonia	157
Miss Lula Dotson, Caledonia	153
Miss Janie Lee Robertson, Cale.	120
Mrs. S. K. Stillman, Caledonia	90
Mrs. L. M. Dodson, Caledonia	70
Miss Ruth Wilkerson, Columbus	65
Miss Katie May Duncan, Cale.	50

Robinson-Thrower.

Mr. John F. Robinson and Mrs. Alice Thrower were married at the home of the bride in the Mayhew neighborhood at ten o'clock on last Wednesday morning, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. J. T. Poe. The groom is the manager of the Banks plantation, and is a gentleman possessed of many sterling qualities, while his bride is one of the wealthiest as well as one of the most highly respected ladies of the Mayhew neighborhood. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and a number of friends repaired to the home of the groom, where an elaborate wedding feast was served. The Dispatch joins the numerous friends of the newly married pair in extending congratulations and best wishes for a life of conjugal bliss.

Mr. Peacher Makes Deed.

There was an important development in the suit of Burton Cady vs. Joseph Peacher and James Cox, in which plaintiff seeks to recover the Eclipse Livery Stable property, on yesterday, when Mr. Peacher voluntarily deed his one-half interest in the property to the Cady estate, to be disposed of as the will of the late Wm. Cady directs.

As is known to readers of The Dispatch, Mr. Cady sold his lifetime interest in the stable to Messrs. Cox and Peacher for \$25, and for some time past a suit to recover the property has been pending in chancery court, the plaintiff being represented by Messrs. Maynard & Fitzgerald of Clarksdale and Orr & Harris of the local bar, and the defendants by Hon. R. E. Wilbourne of Meridian.

Mr. Cox still retains his interest in the property, the deed yesterday having conveyed only that portion held by Mr. Peacher. Chancellor McCool was expected to decide an important point in the case yesterday, and Mr. Peacher voluntarily relinquished all claim upon the property.

Mr. T. P. Edwards and wife were in the city yesterday mingling with their friends, returning from a visit to their son, Mr. H. P. Edwards, who is the efficient sergeant in charge of one of the camps at the convict farm at Parchman, Miss.

Mrs. J. E. Rogers, of Bessemer, Ala., has been in the city for the past week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Randle.

The State fair opened at Jackson last Tuesday, a large crowd having been present at the opening. The A. and M. College band, which furnished music for the local fair, is playing at Jackson.

Mrs. T. B. Blake, after a delightful visit of two weeks to her son, Mr. Ballard Blake, at Gen. and Mrs. Turner Sykes, returns to Atlanta on Monday.

SOLDIERS WILL ATTEND MARDI GRAS

COL. McCANTS OF THE SECOND INFANTRY ARRANGING FOR HIS REGIMENT TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS.

War Department Issues Order Requiring Men to be on Muster Rolls Six Months Before Attending the Meets.

Capt. W. S. Mullins, of the Columbus Riflemen, has received from Col. Sam McCants, commander of the Second Infantry, Mississippi National Guard, a communication stating that plans are being perfected whereby the regiment will visit New Orleans in a body during the Mardi Gras festivities next February. Arrangements have been made for the use of the armories of the Louisiana State militia as sleeping quarters, and the only expense entailed upon the Mississippi soldiers will be for railroad fare and meals while in New Orleans. The railroads have granted a rate of one cent a mile each way, and arrangements will be made for the men to secure meals at reduced prices, so the expenses of the trip will be very small.

Capt. Mullins has also received from Adjutant General Fridge of the Mississippi National Guard a copy of an order recently issued by the war department governing the attendance of enlisted men upon the State encampments. It seems that a number of men who recently attended encampments were without preliminary instruction in field maneuvers or military tactics, and the department has issued an order providing that all men attending these encampments must have been in service at least six months, and must possess some knowledge of military tactics.

The Mississippi National Guard is also considering the advisability of adopting the same regulations in force in the regular army regarding the physical qualifications of recruits. Adjutant General Fridge is making investigations as to the probable cost of examining recruits, and if the expense is not too heavy all applicants for enlistment will be required to stand physical examinations before becoming members of the National Guard in this State. The adjutant general has requested Capt. Mullins to confer with local medical men and find out what it will cost to make the examinations here, and similar requests have been made of other commanders throughout the State.

Swift-Candler.

The Dispatch acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to be present at the marriage of Mr. Franklin Gregory Smith and Miss Julia Beville Candler, the wedding to be solemnized at the First Baptist church in Corinth on Tuesday, November 18, at seven o'clock in the evening. The prospective bride is the daughter of Hon. E. S. Candler, Jr., the efficient and popular representative of the First congressional district, and is one of Mississippi's fairest and most highly accomplished daughters. The Dispatch joins Mr. Candler's friends and the friends of the contracting parties in extending in advance congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Mrs. Maggie Craddock Dead.

Mrs. Maggie Craddock, the beloved wife of Mr. Jack Craddock, died at her home in the Dunbar neighborhood at 10:30 o'clock Friday night. She was taken suddenly ill a few days ago, and Dr. F. M. Vaughn, who was called to her bedside, realized the seriousness of her condition, and advised the family to call in another physician for consultation. Dr. T. M. Henry of this city was summoned, and upon examining the patient found her to be suffering with a complication of diseases which stubbornly refused to yield to treatment. She lost strength gradually, and grew worse until the final dissolution took place.

Mrs. Craddock, who was about fifty-five years of age, was a most excellent woman and a devoted Christian, having for many years been a faithful and consistent member of the Episcopal church. She is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters, all of whom have the sympathy of countless friends in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will take place at the Murrah chapel cemetery at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, being conducted by Rev. W. E. Dakin, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church.